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WEATHER  
Washington, Sept. 21.—For lower and upper Michigan: Fair, followed by showers in northern portion; warmer; east to south winds.

## ANOTHER FOOL.

Another careless individual is a martyr to the duty known as loaded foolishness. Every week the papers chronicle one or more distressing fatalities resulting from unexpectedly discharged firearms. Invariably these are the product of that presumptuous assurance which impels men to monkey with a business and to court death by blowing into the muzzle of unloaded shotguns. It is not exactly a form of suicidal mania, but it is an alibi for transparent idiocy.

There is no justification for a waste of sympathy on the victims of such accidents. No man has any legitimate business to clean or to repair a weapon until he knows that its chambers are empty. He should not take anybody's word for it, nor should he presume that having been discharged by himself another has not loaded it. There is no middle ground of safety with firearms. They are either loaded or unloaded, and it is every man's business, his solemn duty, to know which before he tampers with any of their parts or playfully points them at a bystander or friend.

It is getting to be the style at fairs for some person to sacrifice life or limb. The accident at the West Michigan fair yesterday in which Mr. Laurence was the victim of an unexpectedly discharged target gun is a modified duplicate of the starting tragedy at Detroit where George Carno fell from a balloon and was killed. Both were the result of assurance and carelessness. So long as fools will ascend into the air clinging to a trap or suspended from a hot air bag, and so long as fools will get in front of the muzzles of unloaded shotguns, the crop of tragedies will continue to be abundant.

## CONVICT LABOR.

Mrs. Martha Strickland in her address at the West Michigan fair yesterday suggested a possible solution to the convict labor problem. Her plan is to continue the employment of the convicts, but instead of selling their labor to contractors for the benefit and profit of the state, that they be paid wages equal to the wages paid outside the prison and that the same be given to those dependent upon them. The idea is not altogether an original one, but upon consideration of it, one is impressed that it is both feasible and commendable.

If the state shall provide employment for convicts at the standard wages paid free labor, it will cost as much to manufacture prison goods as it does to produce free goods and the latter will thereby be exempt from cheap-made goods competition. The prisoner will not then take the bread from the mouths of the free man, for his field of productiveness will have been simply transferred and he will produce in prison no more, and not any more cheaply than he did before his commitment to prison.

The state instead of fostering a contract system, under which glaring evils multiply from year to year, would enter directly into manufacturing and could not have any advantage in the field of competition by reason of cheap labor. The convicts could be clothed, fed and sheltered just as they now are at a stated price per week, to be deducted from their earnings, and the balance could be turned over to dependent wives and mothers, or in case a convict had neither the money could be paid over to any one or more of the state's charitable institutions.

This plan presents many features worthy of careful study. By its adoption many of the great evils of prison convict labor would be abolished. The families of convict husbands and fathers would not be charged upon counties and towns, for their earnings would be turned over to purchase for them the necessities of life.

## WORK OF DEMOCRATS.

Before the present campaign was inaugurated and without any thought as to its influence on American politics, Lord Salisbury, in a speech delivered at Hastings, declared that the remedy for industrial paralysis in England was the abolition of free trade and the substitution of protection. Democratic editors were shocked by this bold declaration, but they recovered from it in due time and proceeded to argue them selves into the belief that Lord Salisbury's idea was without merit.

A little later the sub-committee of the senate committee on finance reported to the senate that as a result of its investigations it had ascertained that the cost of necessities had been slightly reduced and the aggregate of wages paid to working men had been slightly increased during the first year of the McKinley bill. The democratic editors have fought shy of this report, because the democratic members united in making it.

Next came the report of the labor

commissioner of the state of New York, showing that the amount of products had been increased and that the rate of wages paid had also increased. The democrats were dumfounded by this, and as soon as they recovered their senses they proceeded to impugn the honesty of the man and to question the reliability of his returns. Finding both impregnable they have instituted criminal proceedings to blacken his reputation.

Soon after Peck's report was published Bank Commissioner Preston of the same state made a statement showing that savings deposits had materially increased during the past year.

It should be borne in mind that in all of these things the democrats had a hand. Salisbury naturally sympathized with the democrats; the sub-committee of finance had a minority of democrats; Peck and Preston are democrats. Isn't it surprising that the democrats repudiate these reports and put their authors in jail?

## TARIFF FRUITS.

One of the greatest and most prosperous manufacturing towns in England is Birmingham. The Birmingham Daily Mail of Saturday August 27, contains an editorial explaining the causes for the closing of the extensive wool mills of Sir Titus Salt & Co. of Saltaire. Saltaire is a model manufacturing town. Its streets are clean, its buildings tidy and the inhabitants have at their use and occupancy all the modern means and accessories to cleanliness and comfort. The great mills have been kept busy by a numerous population of skilled and unskilled operatives, whose wages have been sufficient to support them in a fairly good manner. Prosperity blessed the town of Saltaire for its products were shipped to America where they found ready sale. The looms of Fall River and other eastern cities were forced into idleness because of the direct competition of the British looms. The foreign-made goods cost less to make and could be sold cheaper than the American-made goods. Hence the looms of Fall River were pulseless while the looms of Saltaire thrived with new life and energy to supply the American demand for their products. British workmen were busy while American workmen were idle. American consumers bought the foreigner's woolsens and plushes. The McKinley bill was passed to reverse this condition of things. Today the looms of Fall River click and clatter with activity; the looms of Saltaire are silent and motionless. The American market once comparatively free, is now open to equalized competition. Woolsens and plushes are no dearer than before. The only difference is idle Britons instead of idle Americans. Saltaire is as dull today as Fall River was before the McKinley bill started the wheels of industry. The great works will be closed entirely and Fall River's will succeed to their activity. This may be harsh when "the great brotherhood of man" is considered, but it would be harsher to close our mills by adopting free trade.

DEACON, who killed a man that had listened to the alien voice of his faithless wife, has been pardoned by President Carnot. He may now rejoice his spouse and feel that while his honor is avenged, he's no purer than it was when she lured his victim to her chamber.

FACETIOUS democrats reading at Nunda, N. Y., sent Commissioner Peck a maul. Inasmuch as Peck threw off the collar of assent subservience to the democratic formula, it would seem that this exhibition of wit is of the chestnut variety.

ADA REHAN is to sit as a model for the \$300,000 silver statue of "Justice" which Montana intends to send to the world's fair. If the sculptor will model all the characteristics that Ada has, he will form an excellent conception of the theme.

GEORGE THURMAN CURTIS, a life-long democrat and a lawyer of high standing, refuses to subscribe to the charge "protection is a fraud," and announces his intention to be to support the republican ticket.

FURNACE beer is taxed 60 cents per dozen bottles by the McKinley act, yet anybody can buy a dozen bottles of American beer anywhere in this city for 60 cents. Who pays that infernal tax?

It might be a good scheme for Don, the rainbow chaser, to import a few cholester patients into the northwest the day before election and scare the republicans out.

FOLLOWERS is the full, true and complete text of the Ellenton party platform. "We care not for parties or principles. Give us offices or give us death."

When the muggumps great Joe had spoken unto Tammany's tiger and said, "What wilt thou?" the latter replied, "Thou wilt." The great Joe smiled.

## MEN ON THE ROAD

A Traveling Man Says Business Cannot Be Transacted Without Them

They Are the Staunch Friends of the Country Customer and Are Absolutely Necessary to the Trade.

"Some persons seem to think that the days of the traveling man are numbered," said the representative of one of Chicago's largest dry goods houses at the Morton yesterday. But I believe the traveling man is in it to stay just as long as wholesalers do business and sell goods. You can't dispense with him. It has been tried a great many times, but I don't think any man has successfully accomplished it. The man on the road is just as essential as the man in the store, and no matter how good a firm's reputation is, that don't bring it in enough unsolicited trade to make business profitable. It costs lots of money to keep men on the road, and it's a mighty sight more expensive not to keep them. You can't get your trade by means of circulars and type written letters. Every dollar invested in that manner is the virtually thrown away. The furniture industry furnishes a good illustration of that fact. There is no other industry in existence that can be so easily carried on by means of pamphlets as the furniture business. You can send a man illustrated samples of what you have in stock and he can order from them as well as if he saw the goods, yet most of the large firms find it an exceedingly profitable thing to keep men on the road looking out for the interests of the house.

## Friend of the Merchant.

It is next to impossible to sell dry goods and clothing other than by means of men. No matter how well known the firm is, buyers will not send their orders in if they can give them to a representative of the house. This talk about the drummers being an object of dread on the part of the country customer is all moonshine. Most of them look forward to the trips of the firm's representative and will go without something for a week sooner than send for it by mail. The traveling man is the best friend the country merchant has, and is often of immeasurable benefit to him in soliciting a stock of goods. The only difference there is in the traveling life is that there is a better class of men going on the road every year. The days when everybody that could carry a sample case was thought a fit man to send on the road are over, and have been for some time. The ideal traveling man of the day is a man that knows every detail of his business thoroughly, who has his experience and knows just what his customer wants, and whose word in regard to a sale of goods is unimpeachable. The men of this class are becoming more numerous every year, and the fact that they are, is a sure indication that the first-class traveling man is on the way to stay. With some persons his reputation may be a little shady, but those persons never had any dealings with him. The traveling man of today may be trusted as much as the average run of humanity, and may be a little bit more so.

## NEW YEAR SERVICES.

Held Last Evening in Temple Emanuel by Rabbi Jerselson.

The first service of the Hebrew new year was held in the synagogue last evening. The church was handsomely decorated with tropical plants and cut flowers, the pulpit being nearly buried under them. The service consisted of the Hebrew ritual, and addresses by Rabbi Jerselson and singing by the choir. The music for the service is very fine, and the rendition of it by the choir is excellent. The subject of Rabbi Jerselson's address was "A Happy New Year." He took for a text words found in the Bible, "I lay before you life and goodness, or death, and evil." He reminded his congregation that they have all erred, and cautioned them to make restitution and to enter into the new year with the determination to do good and to be good men, as this is the true way to gain happiness. His prayer after his brief remarks was touching and eloquent, containing a petition to the Almighty God to preserve this nation and to protect all in health and happiness.

The next ten days are what are known as the days of repentance and atonement. The music last night, besides the anthems in the ritual, consisted of Benedictions by E. Major, by Dudley Buck, "God is Love" by Shelly, and "All the Corners of the Earth are in His Hands" a duet for tenor and bass, by Schenker. Services will be held in the temple at 10 o'clock this morning.

## Death of Mrs. Livingston.

Mrs. A. L. Livingston died suddenly at the residence of her husband, A. L. Livingston, yesterday morning about 9 o'clock. Mrs. Livingston was 60 years old and had been ill for some time. She was born in New York and was married to A. L. Livingston in 1875. She was the youngest sister of Capt. H. A. Hyndman and A. C. Hyndman. She leaves one daughter. The funeral will be held from the residence, No. 55 Lynn street, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## Amusements.

There was a large audience at Redmond's Grand last night to listen to the production of "Ermine" by the Wilbur Opera company. "Ermine" is always a favorite with Grand Rapids audiences, and the beautiful costumes were especially admired last night. The work of Shaw and Clark was excellent, and was highly appreciated. The choruses were well sung by the company, and merited the reception they received. The "Mardi Gras" will be given at the matinee today.

## At Smith's the "Black Crook" continues to draw big houses.

"Lost in New York" is billed as the attraction at Redmond's next week.

## Dr. Rosens's Escape.

Dr. S. I. Rosens had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday afternoon while driving his sported horse at a rapid gait on Plainfield avenue. The king took broke and dropped the buggy. Dr. Rosens managed to steer the buggy into the fence and escaped with but slight bruises and a general shaking up.

## Mr. Booth's Purchase.

Mr. Booth has purchased of William Harrison a plot of ground containing eight acres, situated between Myrtle

and North streets. The consideration was \$8,500. Mr. Booth will probably plat the ground, but has not fully decided yet.

## THEY HADN'T ENOUGH CASH.

Queer Predicament of a Couple Who Were Forced Into Getting Married.

When James Melville was arraigned in Justice Glennon's court this morning, having been arrested last night on a warrant sworn out by Daniel Burns of Iwight Ill., a number of witnesses were on hand to give evidence. Last week Burns' 17-year-old daughter left home and they were located by the police in this city at No. 219 Johnson street. They could not furnish proof of their marriage and the girl's father had the young man locked up.

"We have decided not to prosecute this case, your honor," said Mr. Burns, addressing the court.

"Why not?"

"My daughter is willing to marry Melville. If she does I haven't a word to say."

"Will that suit you, Melville?" asked the court.

"Yes, I guess that'll be better than being tried here."

"All right," said Justice Glennon. "If you show me the marriage license and proof of the marriage, I'll dismiss the case."

"But—your honor—there is something else. Can I speak to you privately?" the father of the girl asked.

"No, speak out if you have anything to say. And be quick, too."

"Well, the fact is I haven't any money, and neither has Melville nor my daughter. That's why we can't get a license."

Justice Glennon met the difficulty by going down in his own pocket, taking out \$1.50, and handing it to Brown. "Here," he said, "get the license and come to my office at 2 o'clock this afternoon. I'll see that your daughter is married."

## Installed a Pastor.

The Rev. Henry G. Boer, formerly of Cooper, Wis., was installed last night as pastor of the new Ninth Reformed church on the corner of Watson and Delaney streets. The installation sermon was delivered by the Rev. Boersma of the Fifth Reformed church, who also read the church liturgy.

After the formula had been complied with by the new pastor the Rev. Lamar of the Eighth Reformed church addressed the audience and its pastor. The exercises were conducted in the Holland language and were attended by a large representation of the church membership. Numerous bouquets and cut flowers adorned the pulpit and rostrum.

## Church Dedication.

The following clergymen of this city assisted in the dedication exercises of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Elk street and the church liturgy. After the formula had been complied with by the new pastor the Rev. Lamar of the Eighth Reformed church addressed the audience and its pastor. The exercises were conducted in the Holland language and were attended by a large representation of the church membership. Numerous bouquets and cut flowers adorned the pulpit and rostrum.

The first services ever held in the new Methodist mission chapel in the north end, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair yesterday morning at 5:30. Work on the chapel building is not yet finished, and the building will not be ready for dedication for some time.

## Death of Charles Whitney.

Death of Charles Whitney, No. 148 Lawrence street, reported by the Saginaw Daily News, was a sad loss to the community. Mr. Whitney was 40 years old and was a native of Ohio. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and also a member of the Knights of Pythias. Notice of funeral later.

## Kalamazoo papers please copy.

## Railroad Jottings.

Special excursion trains will arrive in the city today from Saginaw over the D. L. & N. railroad. Trains will also arrive from St. Joseph and Benton Harbor by the C. & W. M. road.

E. N. Chubb of Detroit, commercial agent for the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railroad, was a caller at the general offices yesterday.

E. N. Kenall of Toledo, traveling freight agent for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was in the city yesterday.

There will be a special excursion from this city to Detroit Saturday over the D. L. & N. road.

## Burned a Caboose.

A remarkably peculiar accident took place on the C. & W. M. railroad in which a caboose was totally destroyed by fire. The car was attached to an inbound freight train, making nearly impossible to ascertain the cause of the fire, but it is thought that it was a hot box. An alarm was sent in from the corner of Godfrey avenue and the C. & W. M. track, but when the department arrived the fire was beyond control and nothing was left of the car but the trucks.

## Married at Sixty.

There is always an epidemic of marriages attendant upon a fair, and from ten to fifteen couples are made happy every day now. Among the persons that decided it was not good to live alone are Antonius J. Vanderkerklof and Margaret Schneider. Both of them are 60 years old, but love laughs at wrinkles and grey hair. They were married at the city clerk's office yesterday and procured the necessary license.

Furniture Men's Conventions. Three retail furniture dealers' conventions were held in the month of July last, one in New York, one in Cincinnati and one in Grand Rapids. Aachen of these conventions an executive committee was appointed to make arrangements for a joint meeting. This committee has met and arranged for a convention to be held in Chicago in January.

Tourists From the North. The exodus from the north still continues, and every night the hotels are filled with tourists on their way home to the northern resorts. Last night there were nearly a hundred of them at the different hotels. Most of them will take the early morning train for home.

## Early Morning Fire.

Shortly after midnight the fire department was notified of a fire south of the city, but no alarm was turned in and the blaze was not out for the department to respond. The fire was outside of the city limits and is supposed to have been a barn or a farm house.

## Broke His Leg.

R. M. Orser, a carpenter who was at work repairing a block on Pearl street, near the bridge, Tuesday, fell from a scaffold and broke his leg. Dr. Burns was called and set the bone and the unfortunate man was taken to his home just west of the city.

## HE MADE A BREAK

A Convict Attempts to Escape From Prison, BUT STILL REMAINS IN DURESS

Convict Morris Starts to Cut His Way Through Five Feet of Masonry.

JACKSON, Sept. 21.—The latest aspirant for freedom is Convict Morris, who, in order to gain the desired liberty, destroyed part of the work of the masons who constructed the new cell-block at the western extremity of the west wing at the prison. Morris occupied a cell in the northeast corner of the block directly over a ventilating shaft. By means of crude instruments he managed to remove three courses of bricks from the wall of the cell, near the floor, which is a slab of stone. He, by means of his bed, covered up the evidence of his work for some time, but when discovered he was in the act of chipping off the edge of the flagstone where it entered the wall, in order to allow the passage of his body into the air shaft. Had the fellow succeeded in this he would have found confronting his further progress toward the liberty he so much desired, a wall of solid masonry five feet thick, which would, with the tools he had at hand, taken several months to penetrate. He utterly failed in his attempt to escape and it is safe to assume that he is sorry now that he made a move in that direction.

## MICHIGAN AND THE CHOLERA.

Secretary Baker Speaks of Frontier Quarantine and Necessary Precautions.

LANSING, Sept. 21.—Secretary of State Board of Health H. B. Baker, upon his return from the international conference of quarantine inspectors, issued a circular in which, among many other things, he says:

"Just now the interests of Michigan and of the northwest seem to demand a thorough inspection of all immigrants before they enter this state, the exclusion and isolation of all found sick with cholera or diarrhoea or sickness which may prove to be cholera, and the disinfection of all baggage and luggage of immigrants with regard to what has occurred at the seaboard. "After doing what may be done to keep it out, every one should act as if it were probable that cholera would be brought into this state under this year's drought. Every place should be put in the best possible sanitary condition. All human excreta should be disinfected or cremated. All suspected water used for drinking or culinary purposes should first be boiled."

## WEATHER AND CROPS.

According to the Latest Bulletin There Will Be Lots of Potatoes.

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—This week's weather crop bulletin of the Michigan weather service bureau says that the drought, which has so long retarded the growth of crops in the southern counties, was finally broken on the 13th, by a long, soaking rain, which had the effect of making vegetation jump. Pastures have become green again, and farmers are talking happily of the crops which they had given up last week. Corn cutting and shucking has begun, and on the lowlands the yield will be up to the average. Potatoes still seem to be poor crops, but have improved since the rain. The ground is in fine condition for working and fall seeding is going on rapidly. In other sections of the state the work has been favorable for farm work; seeding, threshing and corn cutting having progressed rapidly. Potatoes will be a better crop than at first anticipated. The fruit crop is above the average.

## SHOCKING DEATH.

George Allen, a Former Jackson Boy, Killed at Garfield, Wash.

JACKSON, Sept. 21.—News has been received of the shocking death near Garfield, Wash., of George Allen, a former Jackson boy. Mr. Allen was engineer of a threshing engine, and the traction engine, with water tank attached, started up a hill in the field. There was not sufficient steam, and the engine stopped, started back, and when beyond his control Mr. Allen jumped, but missed his footing and fell beneath the engine, which was going at the rate of fifteen miles an hour. Both wheels passed over him, badly crushing him. He lived eight hours, and suffered intensely. The deceased was 27 years of age and leaves a mother and five sisters.

## Shoplifters in Detroit.

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—Mrs. Burt M. Spaulding, a member of the Cass avenue M. E. church, and Mrs. Belle Gamber, her sister-in-law, living at Warren, seventeen miles out of the city, have created quite a sensation by their confession of shoplifting. They stole because they enjoyed it, and the theft of a 15 cent candle at Hudson's was the means of their detection. Mrs. Spaulding's rooms were filled with shoes of all sizes, silver mugs, silk, bonnets, trousseau, etc. She had a comfortable home, but her husband is a traveling man and she said she had nothing to engage her attention. She says she knows thirty women in this city who are shoplifters.

## Shot Two Pelicans.

HILLDALE, Sept. 21.—Two young men of Cambria named James Harrington and Frank Western saw a flock of forty or fifty large loon night on Club lake, seven miles south of Hilldale. They crawled up under cover of some bushes and blazed away, each securing one. The one shot by Harrington weighed twelve and one-quarter pounds. Its wings measured eight feet from tip to tip and it stood five feet seven inches tall. The ornithologist of Cambria says they are pelicans, a water fowl not often seen in Michigan.

## Burned With Molten Metal.

JACKSON, Sept. 21.—Monday afternoon, a accident in the Clinton Stove works named Patrick Kelly, sustained injuries by reason of the explosion of molten metal from a mold. He was in the act of filling a mold with metal when a quantity of it struck a rusty iron weight lying on the mold. The instant the metal struck the rusted weight the fluid splashed in all directions, particles striking Mr. Kelly in the face and eyes, one of which he will lose.

## Died Unattended.

MANITOWISH, Sept. 21.—John D. Conkling, aged 78 years, a commercial traveler for H. D. Edwards & Co. of Detroit, was found dead at his home last yesterday afternoon, on West State street, by a little girl who lived with him. She was away last

## NO CARE IS USED

Streets Are Left in a Dangerous Condition WHILE UNDERGOING REPAIRS

And No Lanterns Are Located to Warn the Public of the Danger—Possible Accidents.

Lieutenant Hurley of the police department, while speaking of the carelessness of contractors in leaving dangerous places in the streets open when they may be working unguarded during the night said to a reporter for THE HERALD: "Last night the contractor who is working on Fulton street left the street graded two feet below the east approach to the bridge and did not hang up a danger signal. A hack driver drove on the bridge from the west but it not being very dark he was able to see the condition of the street and drove back."

## What Might Have Occurred.

If the fire department had been called out in a hurry and had driven rapidly across the bridge some of the apparatus would have been broken and disabled. The loss would have been great to the city besides the damage resulting from the machinery being disabled for service at the fire. The hack driver referred to informed us of the condition of the street at the end of the bridge last night and hung red lanterns at the west end to warn drivers of the danger. Frequently we have reports from our men while on duty that some dangerous place has been left exposed to the unsuspecting public. The contractor would be held responsible for all injuries caused to persons from these places and would be liable to pay heavy damages. It behooves them to be a little more watchful and supply each place with red lanterns or guards where there is any possibility of danger."

## Fetally Burned.

BLISSFIELD, Sept. 21.—The wife of Reed Stogt, near Ottawa Lake, met with a horrible death on Monday. She arose from her bed to attend to her little child, when she accidentally upset the lamp which ignited her clothes and she was burned to death, her flesh in places being burned to a crisp.

## Peculiar Operation Performed.

SAGINAW, Sept. 21.—A peculiar operation was performed on Duncan McDonald of Au Sable at St. Mary's hospital. He had broken his leg and two of the ends of the fragments had refused to unite. The physician resorted to the end and wired them together, thus giving him the use of the limb.

## Bank President's Change.

YPSILANTI, Sept. 21.—S. C. Patchelder, president of the Ypsilanti savings bank since its organization in 1887, has disposed of his stock and will retire from the banking business. In connection with O. A. Amersworth he will engage in the commission, grain and produce business.

## Detroit Conference.

OWASSO, Sept. 21.—The Detroit Methodist Episcopal conference opened today. The city is well filled with visitors and the attendance is unusually large. Bishop Taylor of Africa spoke to a crowded house last night. Bishop Fowler of Minneapolis presides at the convention.

## Patient's Body Recovered.

EAST TAWAS, Sept. 21.—The body of Charles Patient, who was drowned off a raft, was grappled and brought up last night. His father and brother arrived this morning. Mr. McKinnon, a pioneer, at whose house Mr. Patient boarded, died yesterday afternoon.

## Y. M. C. A. Building.

The Assembly hall and the top floor of the new Y. M. C. A. building have been plastered, and while there is some delay in the mason work in the gymnasium room, the building will be finished so that gymnasium classes may begin work in the new quarters this fall.

## New Pythian Lodge.

The lately organized division of uniformed rank K. of P., which is composed of members of Imperial lodge, will be instituted this evening in Company B's armory on Ionia street, by Brigadier General H. E. Hastings, assisted by Grand Rapids division No. 6.

## A GOOD SOLDIER NEVER LOOKS BEHIND.

It is said, but as we always want to see all the meritorious points of whatever we wish our customers to have, we look at the front, the rear, on top and both sides of everything. Through some Hocus Focus our cut of No. 38 Gas stove has been completely turned around and we are obliged today to show you a rear view of one of the handsomest Gas Stoves we have ever had the pleasure of looking at. Its chief value, however, is not its beauty, but its utility, its cleanliness, its economy of gas. They have nearly double the heating capacity of other stoves of the same size as they are fitted with combination, double burners. The handsome opera box, which entirely surrounds the double circular burner, is decorated with perforated, polished brass medallions, studded with jewels. The effect produced by the light shining through the rubies, opals, emeralds, sapphires and brilliants is dazzling, showing all the colors of the rainbow and many more. We have shown you the rear view of this desirable Gas Stove and will be glad to show you all sides of it at our store.



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